


**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS**  
**AND TRAINING COMMISSION**



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

TO: All Law Enforcement Agencies  
From:  Chief R. Alan Benefield, Executive Secretary  
DATE: July 31, 2020  
SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY RULE - 650-X-2-.01.02ER**

**Provisional Appointments during the COVID-19 State of Emergency**

**NOTICE of PURPOSE**

This emergency rule has been implemented to allow a provisionally appointed officer to remain in their provisional appointment position beyond the required six-month time limit. Social distancing protocols have necessitated a reduction in academy class size for the foreseeable future. As a result, availability for enrollment in the agency's "requested" academy (i.e. Northeast, Selma, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery) is increasingly difficult to accommodate. The intent of this Emergency Rule is to allow the employing agency to retain a provisionally appointed applicant should APOSTC be unable to provide the required certification training within the six-month time frame.

**However**, if an academy seat is available for an applicant, and the applicant does not become enrolled due to a decision made outside of APOSTC, then the six-month time limit would not be waived.